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IN VACATION.

Impressing the First Client.—The young lawyer had opened his office that very day, and sat waiting for clients. A step was heard outside, and the next moment a man's figure was silhouetted against the ground glass of the door. Hastily the legal fledgling stepped to his brand-new telephone, and, taking down the receiver, gave every appearance of being deep in a business conversation.

"Yes, Mr. Smith," he was saying, as the man entered, "I'll attend to that corporation matter for you. Mr. Jones had me on the phone this morning, and wanted me to settle a damage suit, but I had to put him off, as I'm so busy with cases just now. But I'll try to sandwich your matter in between my other cases somehow. Yes, yes. All right. Good-bye."

Hanging up the receiver, he turned to his visitor, having, as he thought, duly impressed him.

"Excuse me, sir," the man said, "but I'm from the telephone company. I've come to connect up your instrument."—*Central Law Journal*.

BOOK REVIEWS.

All book reviews are by the editor in chief unless otherwise expressly stated.

Landmarks of a Lawyer's Lifetime—by Theron G. Strong of the New York Bar. Dodd, Mead & Company, New York. 1914. Price \$2.50 net.

The reviewer when he laid down this book felt like paraphrasing an old bit of verse—"He came to review but remained to praise." To say that Mr. Strong's book is delightful reading would be to mislead as to its chief merit. It is not only delightful but exceedingly instructive. Filled with pleasant memories, with charming anecdotes, with reminiscences of distinguished judges, and lawyers of the New York and New Jersey Bars, it has from the historical standpoint a distinct value in that it makes a careful presentation of the change and development in the profession of the law. The brief sketches of the various judges are given with clearness, fairness and yet bold and unhesitating criticism. You see both the man and the judge, and we believe Mr. Strong would make his mark as a biographer, so readily does he catch the salient points of human character and fairly present it.

We know of no volume of American legal reminiscences which can compare with it and we can assure those who read it not only of very pleasant but very profitable entertainment.